

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: October 5, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 1915 (Mr. Kenny C. Hulshof of Missouri)

**Proponent name, location:** BASF Corporation, Florham Park, NJ 07932

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty reduction through 12/31/2008.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Diethyl ketone (CAS No. 96-22-0) (provided for in subheading 2914.19.00)

**Check one:**    ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced.  
                  ☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

Diethyl ketone is a synthetic organic chemical used in the production of a herbicide and vitamin E. It is also used as a general purpose solvent. BASF imports the product from Germany.

<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Philip Stone (202-205-3424); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 2914.19.00</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$16,587,130	\$16,587,130	\$17,935,050	\$19,894,000	\$19,894,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$215,633	\$215,633	\$233,156	\$258,622	\$258,622

1/ Revenue loss results from a difference between the rate of duty shown and the proposed reduced rate of 2.7%.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
BASF Corporation (proponent) Tom Coleman, 202-682-9462 Greg Theis, Fax: 202-558-5101	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Valent USA Robin Demouth, Fax: 925-256-2776	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Syngenta Mike Blythe, Fax: 336-632-6084	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Corporation Michael Parrish, Fax: 202-789-1867	8/18/2005	No	No	No
FMC Corporation Jerry Prout, Fax: 202-956-5235	8/18/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Helen McMahon, Fax: 302-774-1398	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Crop Life America Lawrence Norton, Fax: 202-463-0474	8/18/2005	No	No	No

Bayer Williams Hensley, Fax: 202-628-6622	8/18/2005	No	No	No
AtoFina Cerex Charles Kitchin, Fax: 703-527-2092	8/18/2005	No	No	No
Dow Agro Science Margaret Rogers, Fax: 202- 429-3467	8/18/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup> None.

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1915

To reduce temporarily the duty on diethyl ketone.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2005

Mr. HULSHOF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To reduce temporarily the duty on diethyl ketone.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DIETHYL KETONE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.05.60	Diethyl ketone (CAS No. 96–22–0) (provided for in subheading 2914.19.00) .....	2.7%	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of enactment of this Act.

